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		HOUSE			SENATE								
Bill No.	Author & Description	Date Introduce	Ordered Reported	Report No. & Date	Passed House	Ordered Reported	Report No. & Date	Passed Senate	Conf. Rep. No.	House Agreed	Senate Agreed	Date Signed	Public Law No.
S.1	Coverdell (R-GA)-Safe & Affordable Schools Act of 1997	1-21-97											
S.4 <sup>1</sup>	Ashcroft (R-MO)-Family Friendly Workplace Act	1-21-97				3-18-97	105-114-2-97						
S.12	Daschle (D-SD)-Education for the 21st Century Act	1-21-97											
S.17	Daschle (D-SD)-Working Americans Opportunity Act	1-21-97											
S.41	Helms (R-NC)-to prohibit federal funds to states that prevent school prayer	1-21-97											
S.50	Faircloth (R-NC)-to amend IRS code to provide tax credit for educational expenses at a two-year college	1-21-97											
S.99	Boxer (D-CA)-to amend IRS code to allow companies to donate equipment to schools	1-21-97											
S.185	Helms (R-NC)-Voluntary School Prayer Protection Act	1-2-97											
S.212	Wellstone (D-MN)-The Affordable Higher Education Through Pell Grants Act	1-28-97											
S.216 <sup>2</sup>	Jeffords (R-VT)-Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Amendments of 1997	1-28-97											

<sup>1</sup>2-4-72, 2-13-97 Subcommittee on Employment & Training hearing

<sup>2</sup>1-29-97 Hearings completed by Senate Labor & Human Resources Committee.

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S.218	Biden (D-DE)-Growing the Economy for Tomorrow Assuring Higher Education is Affordable & Dependable Act	1-28-97											
S.280	Murray (D-WA)-Time For Schools Act of 1997	2-5-97											
S.323	Shelby (R-AL)-Language of Government Act of 1997	2-13-97											
S.456	Moseley-Braun (D-IL)-Partnership to Rebuild America's School Act of 1997	3-18-97											
S.476	Hatch (R-UT)-to establish 2,500 Boys & Girls Clubs of America	3-19-97				5-1-97	No written report	5-15-97 voice vote				12-2-97	105-133
S.573	Grassley (R-IA)-Loan Forgiveness for Education Act	4-15-97											
S.547	McCain (R-AZ)-Government Shutdown Prevention Act	4-10-97											
S.559	Daschle (D-SD)-Higher Education Tax Incentive Act of 1997	4-10-97											
S.560	Daschle (D-SD)-Student Financial Aid Improvement Act of 1997	4-10-97											
S.664	Kennedy (D-MA)-to establish tutoring assistance programs to help children learn to read	4-29-97											
S.684	Conrad (D-ND)-to amend Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief & Emergency Assistance Act to provide help to local education agencies	5-1-97											
S.688 by request	Biden (D-DE)-authorize HEA for Presidential Scholarships to students graduating in the top 5% of their class	5-1-97											

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S.882	Boxer (D-CA)-After School Education & Safety Act of 1997	6-11-97											
S.909	McCain (R-AZ)-Secure Public Networks At	6-16-97				6-19-97							
S.928	Jeffords (R-VT)-Metropolitan Wash. Education & Workforce Training Improvement Act of 1997	6-17-97											
S.930	Collins (R-ME)-College Affordability & Access Act of 1997	6-18-97											
S.933	Mosely-Braun (D-IL)-Fair Play Act (see H.R.1987)	6-18-97											
S.939	Cochran (R-MS)-Successful Reading Research & Instruction Act	6-19-97											
S.952	McConnell (R-KY) - preferential treatment/ civil rights bill	6-24-97											
S.989	Dorgan (D-ND)-Safer Schools Act of 1997	7-7-97											
S.993	Kennedy (D-MA)-Carl D. Perkins Career Preparation Education Act	7-8-97											
S.1029	DeWine (R-OH)-Quality Child Care Loan Forgiveness Act	7-17-97											
S.1036 <sup>3</sup>	Allard (R-CO)-Kid's Bank Act	7-17-97											
S.1061 <sup>4</sup>	Specter (R-PA)-Appropriations for Labor/HHS/Education for FY 98	7-24-97			7-24-97	7-24-97	105-58	9-11-97 92-8	see H.R.2264				

<sup>3</sup>7-24-97 Hearings completed by Senate Labor & Human Resources Committee.

<sup>4</sup>3-4-97,4-15-97,5-7-97,7-22-97 Subcommittee on Labor, Health & Human Services and Education hearings.

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S.1070	Jeffords (R-VT)-Metropolitan Washington Education & Workforce Training Improvement Act of 1997	7-25-97											
S.1111	Lautenberg (D-NJ)-JUMP Ahead Act of 1997	7-31-97											
S.1116	Roth (R-DE)-Affordable Education Act	7-31-97											
S.1149	Grassley (R-IA) gives school districts higher priority in bankruptcy settlements	9-4-97				10-9-97		10-30-97 UC					
S.1151	Dodd (D-CT) campus based child care for low-income parents in college	9-5-97											
S.1160	Daschle (D-SD) school infrastructure funding	9-10-97											
S.1169	Reed (D-RI) professional development partnerships	9-11-97											
S.1170	Snowe (R-ME) training voucher system	9-11-97											
S.1186	DeWine (R-OH) education, training	9-17-97				10-15-97	105-109						
S.1199	Collins (R-ME) amend HEA regarding income protection allowances	9-19-97											
S.1201	Frist (R-TN) to improve teacher preparation	9-23-97											
S.1209	Kennedy (D-MA) to improve teacher preparation	9-23-97											
S.1215	Ashcroft (R-MO) to prohibit spending on national tests	9-24-97											
S.1261	Frist (R-TN) Education Scholars Block Grant Program	10-7-97											
S.1263	Bingaman (D-NM) national testing requirements	10-7-97											
S.1294	Jeffords (R-VT) amend HEA to consolidate loans under FFEL and DL.	10-9-97				10-22-97	105-122 10-29-97						

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S.1295	Bingaman (D-NM) a bill to provide of dropout prevention	10-20-97											
S.1309	Kerry (D-MA) child-care funding bill	10-22-97											
S.1380	Coats (R-IN) amend ESEA regarding charter schools	11-5-97											
S.1395	Sarbanes (D-MD) Thurgood Marshall Opportunity Program	11-6-97											
S.1461	Lautenberg (D-NJ) youth mentoring program	11-08-97											
S.1472	Moseley-Braun (D-IL) tax credits for school construction	11-8-97											
S.1484	Bingaman (D-NM) a bill to increased the number of qualified teachers	11-8-97											
S.1493	Torricelli (D-NJ) amend HEA disclosure of all criminal incidents	11-9-97											
S.1502	Coats (R-IN) DC Student Opportunity Scholarship Act	11-9-97						11-9-97 UC					
S.1525	Specter (R-PA) financial assistance to families of police officers killed in the line of duty	11-12-97											
S.1534	Torricelli (D-NJ) amend HEA to delay loan repayment for soldiers	11-13-97											
SJRes.3	Thurmond (R-SC)-Amendment to the constitution relating to voluntary prayer	1-21-97											
H.R. <sup>5</sup>	Goodling (R-PA)-IDEA Improvements Act of 1997	1-7-97	5-7-97	105-95 5-13-97	5-13-97			5-14-97				6-4-97	105-17

<sup>5</sup>2-4-97 Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth & Families hearing.

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H.R.6 <sup>6</sup>	McKeon (R-CA)-Higher Education Amendments of 1998	1-7-97											
H.R.109	Clay (D-MO)-Family & Medical Leave Improvements Act of 1997	1-7-97											
H.R.123	Cunningham (R-CA)-Bill Emerson English Language Empowerment Act of 1997	1-7-97											
H.R.191	Hastings (D-FL)-to amend Family & Medical Leave Act of 1993 to apply to a greater percentage of U.S. work force...	1-7-97											
H.R.234	Maloney (D-NY)-Family & Medical Leave Enhancement Act	1-7-97											
H.R.329	Solomon (R-NY)-to require states receiving funds under ESEA of 1965 to expel students who ae convicted of crime of violence	1-7-97											
H.R.382 see H.R. 2014	Ackerman (D-NY)-to amend Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow deduction for postsecondary ed expenses	1-9-97											
H.R.503	Andrews (D-NJ)-to amend General Education Provisions Act to allow state prosecutors access to student records in certain cases	2-4-97											
H.R.553 see H.R. 2014	Price (D-NC)-to amend Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude scholarships & fellowships from income	2-4-97											
H.R.715	Duncan (R-TN)-Accuracy in Campus Crime Reporting Act of 1997	2-12-97											

<sup>6</sup>6-5-97,6-17-97,6-19-97,6-26-97,7-15-97,7-17-97 Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education, Training & Life-Long Learning hearings and completed on 7-29-97.

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H.R.717	Flake (D-NY)-to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to continue exemption for schools from default-based ineligibility for student loan programs	2-12-97											
H.R.724	Kennedy (D-RI)-to amend IRS Code to allow deduction for interest payments on student loans	2-12-97											
H.R.744	McGovern (D-MA)-Affordable Higher Education-Through-Pell Act of 1997	2-13-97											
H.R.777	Fattah (D-PA)-21st Century Scholars Act of 1997	2-13-97											
H.R.877	Klug (R-WI)-to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to prevent students called to active duty from entering repayment on student loans	2-27-97											
H.R.914	McKeon (R-CA)- to make technical corrections to Higher Education Act of 1965 to graduation data disclosures	3-4-97	3-5-97	105-14 3-11-97	3-11-97			4-16-97					
H.R.1005 <sup>7</sup>	King (R-NY)-National Language Act of 1997	3-11-97											
H.R.1115	Owens (D-NY)-Opportunity-to-Learn Standards Implementation Act	3-18-97											
H.R.1203	Stump (R-AZ)-to amend Elementary & Secondary Education Act of 1965 to insure that funds are not used to teach regional group dialects	3-20-97											

<sup>7</sup>6-4-97 Subcommittee on Defense, Senate Appropriations Committee hearings.



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H.R.1233 see H.R. 2014	Clay (D-MO)-Hope & Opportunity for Postsecondary Education Act of 1997	4-8-97											
H.R.1296	Knollenberg (R-MI)-College Student Tax Relief Act of 1997	4-10-97											
H.R.1307	Roukema (R-NJ)-to amend Higher Education Act of 1965 to prohibit schools with high default rates from participating in Pell Grant program	4-10-97											
H.R.1336	Smith (R-TX)-to amend the Adult Education Act to make grants to states to provide support services to participants in adult education programs	4-15-97											
H.R.1753	Hyde (R-IL) to establish 2,500 Boys & Girls Clubs of America	5-30-97	10-29-97	105-368	11-13-97 voice vote								
H.R.1774 see H.R. 2014	Weygand (D-RI)-Family Educational Opportunity Act of 1997	6-3-97											
H.R.1803	Clay (D-MO)-Career Preperation Education Reform Act of 1997	6-5-97											
H.R.1812	Hefley (R-CO)-Department of Education Elimination Act of 1997	6-5-97											
H.R.1819	Rothman (D-NJ)-Lifetime Learning Affordability Act of 1997	6-5-97											
H.R.1822	Tauscher (D-CA)-State Infrastructure Banks for Schools Act of 1997	6-5-97											
H.R.1853	Carl D. Perkins Vocational-Technical Education Act Amendments of 1997	6-10-97	6-25-97	105-177 7-14-97	7-22-97 414-12								

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H.R.1866	Smith (R-TX)-Need-Based Educational Aid Antitrust Protection Act of 1997	6-11-97	6-18-97	105-144 6-23-97	6-23-97 VV			7-30-97 UC		9-8-97	9-8-97	9-17-97	105-43
H.R. 1909	Canady (R-FL)- preferential treatment/civil rights bill	6-17-97											
H.R.1970	Cummings (D-MD)-to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to establish the Thurgood Marshall Legal Educational Opportunity Program	6-19-97											
H.R.1980	Kennedy (D-MA)-College Campus Alcohol Abuse Prevention & Education Act	6-19-97											
H.R.1987	Lowey (D-NY)-Fair Play Act (see S.933)	6-19-97											
H.R.2025	Hinchey (D-NY)-Self-Sufficiency Through Education Act	6-24-97											
H.R.2065	Morella (R-MD)-Technology for Teachers Act	6-25-97											
H.R.2111	Skaggs (D-CO) prohibit student loan association from charging for certain financial services	9-18-97											
H.R.2131	Weygand (D-RI)-to amend Elementary& Secondary Education Act of 1965 to ensure that teachers receive technology training	7-9-97											
H.R.2137	Fox (R-PA)-Federal Agency Sunset Act of 1997	7-10-97											
H.R.2140	Klink (D-PA)-Federal Accountability & Institutional Reform in Education Act of 1997	7-10-97											
H.R.2156	Regula (R-OH)-Cultural Education Enhancement Act of 1997	7-11-97											

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H.R.2172 <sup>8</sup>	Frank (D-MA)-to amend Immigration & Nationality Act to make restrictions on foreign study at elementary & secondary school	7-16-97											
H.R.2192	Northup (R-KY)-Successful Reading Research & Instruction Act	7-17-97											
H.R.2223	Hayworth (R-AZ)-Education Land Grant Act	7-23-97											
H.R.2228	Miller (D-CA)-Teaching Excellence for All Children Act of 1997	7-23-97											
H.R.2264	Porter (R-IL) Appropriations for Labor/HHS/Education for FY98	2-6-97	7-22-97	105-205 7-25-97	9-17-97 346-80				105-390	11-7-97 352-65	11-8-97 91-4	11-13-97	105-78
H.R.2311	Schaffer (R-CO)-Kid's Bank Act	7-30-97											
H.R.2320	Brown (D-CA)-to establish an education satellite loan guarantee program	7-31-97											
H.R.2373	Gingrich (R-GA)-Parents & Students Savings Account Plus Act	8-1-97											
H.R.2381	Dicks (D-WA)-to amend Violet Crime Control & Law Enforcement Act of 1994 to provide grant funds for parent education	9-3-97											
H.R.2391	Pascrell (D-NJ)-to amend Higher Education Act of 1965 to make repayment plans uniform for federal student loans	9-3-97											
H.R. 2408	Lofgren (D-CA)- after-school activities	9-4-97											

<sup>8</sup>7-24-97 Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims hearing.

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H.R.2427	Woolsey (D-CA) to recognize businesses making techonology contributions	9-9-97											
H.R.2492	Smith (R-NJ) to amend IRS Code to allow tax credits for laid off workers	9-17-97											
H.R.2495	Hinojosa (D-TX) amend HEA to increase postsecondary opportunities for Hispanic students	9-18-97											
H.R.2518	Boehner (R-OH) amend HEA to increase loan consolidation options	9-23-97											
H.R.2522	Frank (D-MA) amend Civil Rights Act to sex discrimination	9-23-97											
H.R.2530	Skaggs (D-CO) to prohibit student loan association from waiving redemption premiums and other financial services	9-23-97											
H.R.2535	McKeon (R-CA) amend HEA to allow loan consolidation under FFEL and DL	9-24-97	10-1-97 43-0	105-322 10-21-97	10-21-97 VV								
H.R.2536	McKeon (R-CA) amend HEA to improve administration of assistance programs	9-24-97											
H.R.2546	Clay (D-MO) amend HEA to make college affordable & accessible	9-25-97											
H.R.2561	Weldon (R-FL) provide low-income children educational opportunities	9-25-97											
H.R.2614	Goodling (R-PA) reading and literacy teacher development bill	10-6-97	10-22-97 VV	105-348 10-24-97	11-8-97 VV								
H.R.2616	Riggs (R-CA) to improve and expand charter schools	10-6-97	10-9-97 24-8	105-321 10-14-97	11-7-97 367-57								

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H.R. 2646	Archer (R-TX) IRA savings accounts for elementary school expenses	10-9-97	10-9-97 19-17	105-332 10-21-97	10-23-97 230-198								
H.R.2655	Hoekstra (R-MI) a bill to repeal unfunded programs	10-9-97											
H.R.2672	Wise (D-WV) amend HEA to protect participants of pre-paid tuition programs	10-9-97											
H.R.2695	Sanchez (D-CA) school construction bond creation	10-22-97											
H.R. 2698	McCarthy (D-NY) improve college teacher preparation	10-22-97											
H.R.2724	Riggs (R-CA) school choice for low-income students	10-23-97											
H.R.2746	Riggs (R-CA) school choice for low-income students	10-28-97											
H.R.2755	Stupak (D-MI) financial assistance to families of police officers killed in the line of duty	10-28-97											
H.R.2846	Goodling (R-PA) prohibit spending on national testing	11-6-97											
H.R.2847	Granger (R-TX) tax incentives for education	11-6-97											
H.R.2852	Kildee (D-MI) improve recruitment of teachers	11-6-97											
H.R.2878	Andrews (D-NJ) establish loan program for school construction	11-7-97											
H.R.2963	Rothman (D-NJ) establish a youth mentoring program	11-8-97											
H.R.2981	Allen (D-ME) amend HEA financial responsibility changes	11-9-97											
H.R.2992	Graham (R-SC) to repeal Goals 2000 and National Skills Act	11-9-97											

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H.R.2994	Hooley (D-OR) provide for investments in technology	11-9-97											
H.R.3002	Lowey (D-NY) expand opportunities for welfare recipients with block grants	11-9-97											
H.R.3043	Franks (D-NJ) amend HEA to report all criminal incidents	11-13-97											
HJRes.12	Emerson (R-MO)-an amendment to the Constitution of the US relating to voluntary prayer	1-7-97											
HJRes.20	Solomon (R-NY)-an amendment to the Constitution of the US regardng school prayer	1-7-97											
HJRes.25	Livingston (R-LA)-making technical corrections to the Omnibus Consolidated Appropriation Act, 1997 (PL104-208)	1-9-97		1-9-97			1-21-97					2-3-97	105-1
HJRes.37	Doolittle (R-CA)-proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the US establishing English as the official language	2-4-97											
HJRes.55	Stearns (R-FL)-an amendment to Constitution of US relating to voluntary prayer in schools	2-13-97											
HJRes.68	Murtha (D-PA)-an amendment to Constitution of US relating to school prayer	4-8-97											
HRes214	Goodling (R-PA)-...Department of Education should suspend any national testing proposal...	8-1-97											

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HRes.299	Etheridge (D-NC) support for States adopting academic standards in core curricula	10-31-97											